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Application Number: 09/423,378  
Filing Date: January 28, 2000  
First Named Inventor: Marc L. KOZAM  
Group Art Unit: 2177  
Examiner: Choules, J.  
Attorney Docket Number: 0106-0001 CPA

SIR:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted
    - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
    - iii. ☐ Other
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment.
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
  - b. ☐ Other
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
  - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0622.
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other
  - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ \$830.00 enclosed.
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION.** If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Serial No.: 09/423,378  
Filed: January 28, 2000  
For: *Method and apparatus for the centralized  
collection of geographically distributed data*  
Inventor(s): Marc L. KOZAM et al  
Attorney Docket No.: 0106-0001

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Cover Letter
2. Preliminary Amendment
3. Petition For Extension Of Time (Three Month)
4. Check in the amount of \$830.00 (Sm. Entity Fees for RCE and EOT)
5. One (1) Return Postcard

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of  
filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Respectfully submitted,

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